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W. S. Rogers, Midway.

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G. W. Harrison, Clayton.
C. J. Stephens, Eufaula.
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STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—M. L. Long, T. C. Green, J. W. Armstrong.
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HOME MISSIONS—J. M. Thornton, J. G. Sinquefield, J. J. S. Willis.
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OBITUARIES—A. B. Starke, Virgil Crawford, J. A. Cobb.
EDUCATION—J. A. Foster, M. W. Hall, J. R. Vann.
INDIGENT MINISTERS—A. H. Borders, R. L. Baker, S. A. Blakey.
BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK—Z. T. Weaver, R. P. Adams, E. N. Stewart.
EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE—A. W. Beverly, J. B. Lightner, R. Herring.

PREACHERS FOR NEXT SESSION.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Z. T. Weaver.
ALTERNATE—A. H. Borders.
MISSIONARY SERMON—W. H. Patterson.
ALTERNATE—W. S. Rogers.

MINUTES.

PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH,
NEAR CLAYTON, BARBOUR CO., ALA., OCT. 24TH, 1884.

FRIDAY MORNING.

1. THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with the *Prospect Baptist Church*, ten miles south-west from Clayton, Barbour Co., Ala., in its THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION, at 11 o'clock A. M.

2. The *Introductory Sermon* was preached by W. H. Patterson from the text, Rom. viii. 9 Adjourned till 2 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

3. The *Association was called to order* by W. H. Patterson, Moderator of preceding session. Devotional exercises were held for fifteen minutes.

4. The *Letters from the Churches* were read by T. M. Bailey and T. H. Stout.

5. *Delegates were enrolled* as follows:

BETHLEHEM—John G. Sinquefield, R. J. Richards, S. A. Simms, D. L. McRae, Wm. Passmore, J. M. Hobdy.
CENTRE RIDGE—H. J. Ward, F. L. Miller.
CLAYTON—Jesse Robson, A. H. Borders, B. Davie, J. A. Foster, W. B. Paullin.
COWIKEE—T. J. Hudgens.
ENON—Letter, no delegates.
EUFAULA—W. H. Patterson, J. E. Chambliss, Wm. A. Davis.
EVERGREEN—No letter, no delegates.
GLENNVILLE—Letter, no delegates.
HAWKINSVILLE—V. Crawford.
HURTSBORO—Letter, no delegates.
MIDWAY—W. S. Rogers, W. C. Jordan, James G. Hitchcock, R. P. Adams, M. W. Hall, W. L. Thornton.
MT. MORIAH—No letter, no delegates.
MT. OLIVE—T. E. Warren.
MT. ZION—W. H. Lanier, R. L. Baker.
NEW HOPE—L. H. King, N. Lewis.
PEA CREEK—J. A. Miles, W. J. Miles, F. M. Grubbs.
PINE GROVE—J. M. Thornton.
PLEASANT GROVE—W. M. Spires, C. C. Seay, W. M. Seay.

PLEASANT HILL—The Moderator stated there was no letter on account of the recent death of the Clerk.

PROSPECT—Robert Andrews, T. C. Green, Page Floyd, H. L. Floyd, W. W. Sims, J. W. Sims, L. Benton.

RAMAH—A. B. Starke, W. W. Vaughn, J. A. Cobb, F. O. Robson.

UNION—J. T. Watkins, S. A. Blakey, J. E. Fenn, W. B. Watkins, J. B. Bowdon, M. L. Blakey.

6. The *Election of Officers* resulted in the unanimous re-election of W. H. Patterson, Moderator; Wm. A. Davis, Clerk; A. B. Starke, Treasurer.

7. *Sardis Church* applied for re-instatement into membership. On motion, the request was granted, and J. W. Armstrong and W. R. Mallory were seated as delegates.

8. The Moderator announced the appointment of *committees to report at this session*, as follows:

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Pastor and Deacons of Prospect Church.
STATE OF THE CHURCHES—E. L. Graves, M. W. Hall, W. C. Jordan.
FINANCE—J. T. Watkins, J. G. Sinquefield, R. P. Adams.
NOMINATIONS—T. J. Hudgens, J. A. Cobb, J. W. Simms.

9. Correspondents were received, as follows:

JUDSON—A. L. Ray.
SALEM—N. C. Underwood, J. T. Freeman.
TUSKEGEE—J. A. Howard.
BRUNDIDGE CHURCH—E. V. VanHoose.

10. *Representatives* were received as follows:

STATE MISSION BOARD—T. M. Bailey.
ALABAMA BAPTIST—T. M. Bailey.
FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL—T. M. Bailey.

11. The *Report of the Executive Committee* was read by Z. T. Weaver and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR OF 1883-4.

The Committee held its first meeting and was organized in Eufaula on May 23, 1884, with John A. Walker, Chairman, and Wm. A. Davis, Secretary and Treasurer; and has held three meetings during the year.

Education of G. W. Harrison.

Just after the adjournment of the Association last year, Bro. G. W. Harrison moved to Texas and made no call for the one hundred dollars appropriated for his education. The Committee decided to use the money for no other purpose, but to refer the question of its use to the Association.

Education of H. R. Schramm.

The Association paid the expenses of Bro. H. R. Schramm for scholastic year 1883-4 at Howard College. In the judgment of the Executive Committee,

it was not best that Bro. Schramm should have returned to Howard College for the present session. He has returned there, however, but without any liability on this Association for his expenses.

Order of Business.

The Order of Business for this session of the Association was arranged in September and six hundred copies printed and circulated.

Treasurer's Report.

The report of the Treasurer of the Committee is presented herewith as a part of this report. Fraternally submitted,

JOHN A. WALKER, Chairman.
WM. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Oct. 29, 1883.	From Association for So. Bapt. Theo. Sem.	$100 00	
	" " " Education of G. W. Harrison	100 00	
	" " " Minutes, Postage, etc.	60 00	
Nov. 3, 1883.	" Howard College (amt. ret'd.)	6 52	$266 52

DISBURSEMENTS.

Dec. 24, 1883.	Paid for Minutes	$ 40 00	
June 12, 1884.	" " Order of Bus., S. S. Convention	2 75	
Sept. 12, 1884.	" " " " " Association	2 50	
Oct. 23, 1884.	" " Postage during year	6 93	
	Balance down	114 34	$266 52
Oct. 23, 1884.	Balance on hand for Education of G. W. Harrison	100 00	
	Minute Fund	14 34	
	Total	$114 34	

Fraternally submitted, WM. A. DAVIS, Treas. Ex. Com.

12. The reading of the *Report on Sabbath Schools* was postponed until Saturday.

13. The *Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers*, written by W. S. Paullin, who was absent, was read by W. S. Rogers. After discussion by A. B. Starke, T. M. Bailey, W. S. Rogers, J. M. Thornton, M. W. Hall, T. H. Stout, W. C. Jordan, J. E. Chambliss, and J. A. Howard, it was adopted as follows:

Age and infirmity have ever been to the cultivated heart objects of intense interest. Poets have found in them subjects for some of their most thrilling strains, while moralists of every clime have uttered some of their most sublime thoughts in connection with them. But it is only when this weight of years, this burden of life is found in the service of God that our noblest sympathies are aroused and our souls are enlisted in behalf of the aged. In the words of Solomon, "the hoary head is a crown of glory when found in the way of righteousness," and who has not felt the force of this when noting the holy life of an aged Christian?

But our subject comes nearer to us as a denomination in the fact that we have in our State, if not in our Association, some whose lives in an especial sense have been consecrated to God, who have labored and toiled in the service

of the Master till age or infirmity has set its mark upon their brows and left its impress on their weakened frames. We love them, we honor them, for their work's sake; but is this all? Have we discharged our duty toward them? Do we not owe them something more than mere sympathy? Should not our means, as well as words, be used in giving them the aid and comfort which they so much need?

To one who has reached the allotted period of a useful life, these matters seem more real than to the younger members of the great Brotherhood. We stand on the margin of the stream which divides earth from heaven. Some of our loved ones have passed over before us, some are crossing now, and while others wait in patience the summons which will bid them come, let us who remain see to it that they are tenderly cared for as their faithful services demand.

W. S. PAULLIN, Chm'n.

The following resolution was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That the pastors be requested to call special attention to the matter, and that the churches take up collections for this fund.

14. A *Committee to consider the Circular of the State Mission Board* was appointed on motion of Wm. A. Davis, as follows: J. E. Chambliss, T. C. Green, A. H. Borders, W. S. Rogers, J. M. Thornton, Z. T. Weaver, and T. H. Stout.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

15. A *sermon* was preached by J. A. Howard from the text, 1 John iii. 13.

Adjourned till 9 o'clock A. M., Saturday.

OCTOBER 25, 1884.

SATURDAY MORNING.

16. The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9 A. M. and *Devotional Exercises* were conducted by J. A. Howard.

17. The *Roll* was called and corrected.

18. The *Report on State Missions* was read by R. L. Baker as follows:

During the conventional year just closed, we had seventy men in the service of the Board for the whole or a part of the year. Of this number fourteen have been doing missionary work exclusively; twenty-two have been engaged as missionaries and colporteurs; twenty-one, as missionary pastors; nine, as evan-

gelists; and four as colporteurs. The labors of these brethren have extended into fifty-six counties. The results of their labors, so far as they can be expressed in figures, are as follows:

Number of men employed	70
Miles traveled	53,513
Sermons and addresses	4,913
Churches constituted	21
Churches constituted in destitute places since organization of the Board	97
Baptisms	919
Received by letter	438
Restored	46
Total additions	1,403
Sunday Schools organized	61
Sunday School addresses	295
Ladies' Missionary Societies organized	8
Pages of Tracts distributed	97,652
Religious visits	6,165
Prayer meetings conducted	624
Meeting houses finished	4
Meeting houses begun	5

These statistics show an advance in the number of men employed, in the number of sermons and addresses, in the number of religious visits, and in the number added to the churches. Fifty of our Associations have contributed to the work during the year. The facts and statistics of the year's work are inspiring. But much yet remains to be done. New villages and towns are springing up in various parts of our State, to which missionaries must be sent. In some counties there is still a destitution of Baptist preaching. We can not withdraw our force from a single point we are occupying. To do so would be unwise. Hence if the Gospel standard is to be planted by us in these towns and villages and destitute country regions, our income must be enlarged. We need not less than $12,000 for our State work this year. State Mission work is foundation work, and if the churches will bring to it their best offerings, they will see the good results in the enlargement of the cause of Christ in all other directions.

The foregoing statistics and facts were obtained from the worthy and efficient Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of our State Mission Board, who further informs us that to carry on the work requires not less than $642.85 from the Eufaula Association. Trusting that the body will respond cordially and promptly to the demands of the Board, I fraternally submit the above report,

R. L. BAKER, Chm'n.

19. The *Report on Home Missions*, written by J. J. S. Willis, absent on account of sickness, was read by Z. T. Weaver, as follows:

The work of Home Missions presents a broad field for labor, and when we consider the meagre supply of laborers, then it is that we realize the significance of the language of our Master, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." Yet we have great reasons to thank God and take courage, since year by year this grand work is developing more interest wherever it is being prosecuted. The results of the efforts of the Board are indeed gratifying, since it is doing effective work in Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, and the Indian Territory. It was officially reported by Bro. Daniel Rogers, General Missionary at Tahlequah, I. T., that at the beginning of the summer 1883 there were 104 Baptist churches, with a membership of 6,419, among ten tribes in that territory; and 70 Sunday Schools with 210 officers and teachers, and 2,100 scholars, among those newly civilized and Christianized people. During the past year the Board has added 50 men to its corps of missionaries, making a total of 141 who are

engaged in the active labors of the fields all or a part of the year. Their labors are reported as follows: Supplied 338 churches and stations; delivered 14,818 sermons and addresses; attended 2,779 prayer meetings; baptized 2,665 persons; received by letter 1,525; made 20,512 religious visits; and distributed 165,499 pages of tracts. Bro. I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary of the Board, in his annual report, says: "The work of the Board has never been better organized, nor, if the means were furnished, has it ever been better prepared to push forward into unoccupied places, and to attempt new victories for our King. The field of its labors was never broader, nor more inviting, nor the outlook for a grand work more promising."

Although the Board is not operating in Alabama, are not the vigorous efforts being put forth by it sufficient to commend it to the liberality of the Baptists of Alabama? The Baptists of Alabama are asked to raise for this Board during the next year $5,000. Our State Mission Board has asked the Eufaula Association for $267.85 of this amount. Shall we give less? We must give it, or fall short of our duty. The receipts of the Home Board during the past year were over $60,000. Of this amount Alabama gave through the churches $2,036.26, and in legacies $4,988.75. The great question that should engage the minds of the Baptists of Alabama is this, *Are we doing our whole duty in sending the Gospel to the regions beyond?*

Fraternally submitted, J. J. S. Willis, Chm'n.

20. The *Report on Foreign Missions* was read as in the circular of the State Mission Board, the appointee having been excused from writing the report, as follows:

The last annual report of the Foreign Board gave us cheering news. The Board received $80,465.87, an increase of $23,516.16 over last year's receipts. Of this amount Alabama gave contributions amounting to $3,310.88, and legacies amounting to $4,988.75. The Corresponding Secretary of the Board, in his annual report, says: "In view of the increased liberality of our churches, a growing missionary spirit in students for the ministry, the general prosperity and gradual expansion of our missions, and the opening of new fields all over the world, the friends of Foreign Missions should 'thank God and take courage.'"

The Board has missionaries in Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Africa, and China. These missionaries have native assistants laboring with them. The number of missionaries, native and foreign, is 95; their stations and out stations, 42; the increase of membership during the year has been 175; the pupils of the Sunday and day schools number 684; the church membership is 1,141; the contributions on the fields amount to $1,077. The work is expanding signally in each of the five continents in which our missionaries labor. The Board expects to go forward, depending on the liberality of the churches and claiming the divine promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Alabama is asked to raise this year for Foreign Missions $5,000. We can secure every dollar of this amount if we will go about it earnestly and prayerfully. Let the monthly concert of prayer for missions be revived in all our churches; let our pastors preach oftener on the subject of Missions, and let earnest efforts be made to put the *Foreign Journal* in every Baptist family, and the amount asked for this Board, and for the Home and State Boards, will be forthcoming.

21. The whole subject of *Missions* being before the body, the discussion was participated in by W. S. Rogers, Z. T. Weaver, A.

B. Starke, J. A. Howard, J. E. Chambliss, T. H. Stout, W. H. Patterson, and T. M. Bailey, and the reports were then adopted.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

22. *Devotional Exercises* were conducted by Rev. N. C. Underwood.

23. *Correspondents* were returned as follows:

BETHEL.—W. H. Patterson, T. H. Stout, B. B. Davis, W. S. Rogers.
CENTENNIAL.—A. B. Starke, T. H. Stout, W. C. Jordan, W. S. Rogers.
COLUMBUS.—E. L. Graves, W. W. Vaughn.
JUDSON.—W H. Patterson, J. A. Foster.
NEWTON.—T. H. Stout, W. H. Patterson, J. E. Chambliss.
SALEM.—J. E. Chambliss, W. C. Jordan, J. A. Foster, A. H. Borders.
TUSKEGEE.—W. H. Patterson, T. H. Stout, E. L. Graves, J. E. Chambliss, W. C. Jordan.

24. The *Report on State of the Churches* was read by E. L. Graves and adopted as follows:

The committee herewith submit a digest of the Letters from the churches, to-wit:

Bethlehem.—Numerically on the decline; no prayer meetings; contributions same as last year; has a Sabbath School eight months in the year; spiritual condition same as last year.

Centre Ridge.—Decline numerically; spiritual advancement moderate; six accessions by baptism; no prayer meetings; Sabbath School twelve months in the year; pastor aided in protracted meetings by Bro. H. R. Schramm.

Clayton.—Have called W. S. Rogers as pastor for another year; spiritual condition good; good interest in Sabbath School; regular prayer meetings, but not much interest; have built baptistery; ask that next session of Association be held there.

Cowikee.—Contributions increased; no protracted meetings; no prayer meetings or Sabbath School; slight decrease in membership.

Enon.—No protracted meetings; no prayer meetings; numerical strength about the same as last year; no Sabbath School.

Eufaula.—Membership decreased; spiritually no progress; contributions as usual; no protracted meeting; prayer meeting moderately attended; Sabbath School well attended; it receives the co-operation of the church members.

Evergreen.—No letter nor delegates.

Glennville.—Numerically on the decline; contribution much less than last year; had protracted meeting; have Sabbath School, well attended; no change in pastor.

Hawkinsville.—Weak numerically; contributions increased; no protracted meetings; no Sabbath School; without a pastor part of the year and without a pastor now.

Hurtsboro.—Spiritually cold; decrease in contributions; no protracted meeting; no prayer meeting; has Sabbath School, but not well attended, with only a partial co-operation on part of church members; invites the meeting of the Association next year.

Midway.—Had protracted meeting; five accessions by baptism; regular Sabbath School, well attended by the young people, but it lacks full co-opera-

tion of the older members; prayer meetings tolerably well attended; is now without a pastor; invites the Association to meet with them next year; slight decline in numbers.

Mt. Moriah.—No delegates nor letter.

Mt. Olive.—Have not increased in contributions; had protracted meetings; received by baptism six; no prayer meeting or Sunday School; pastor was assisted in protracted meeting by Bro. H R. Schramm.

Mt. Zion.—Numerically on the decline; spiritually in good condition; contributions very good; retain their present pastor, J. O. Hixson.

New Hope.—Spiritual condition tolerably good; numerically weak; had no protracted meeting, no prayer meeting nor Sabbath School; same pastor ensuing year.

Pea Creek.—No increase in contributions; had protracted meeting; pastor was aided by Bro. Herring, with good results; no Sabbath School; has no pastor now; has prayer meeting twice a month.

Pine Grove.—Condition spiritually and numerically remains the same; no increase in contributions; had protracted meeting, and had four accessions by baptism; no prayer meeting nor Sabbath School; has a pastor, Z. T. Weaver.

Pleasant Grove.—No increase spiritually, numerically or in contributions; had protracted meeting, conducted by Bro. H. R. Schramm; had one accession by baptism; no prayer meeting nor Sabbath School; has not changed pastors.

Pleasant Hill.—No letter or delegate; church weak, having only one male member; no pastor, but has the promise of Bro. W. H. Patterson's services every fifth Sabbath for ensuing year.

Prospect.—Numerical strength increased; held two protracted meetings; regular prayer meeting and Sabbath School, with good attendance.

Ramah.—Spiritual condition good; decreased numerically and in contributions; had protracted meeting, conducted by Z. T. Weaver and H. R. Schramm, with good results; has Sabbath School; no prayer meeting; asks the Association to meet with them next year.

Sardis.—Numerically and financially weak; spiritually good.

Union.—Numerical and spiritual condition good; no increase in contributions; had protracted meeting; pastor aided by H. R. Schramm; much good resulted; additions by baptism 17; regular prayer meeting and much interest manifested; no Sabbath School.

Fraternally submitted,

E. L. Graves, Chairman.

25. The *Report on Sunday Schools* was read by L. K. Faulk and ordered to lie on the table until 9:30 Sabbath morning.

Your committee thinks it advisable to make this report for the most part a statistical table, in order that we may know the exact condition of each Sabbath School in our association. No one will deny the importance of Sabbath School work. The question then arises, why are there not more Sabbath Schools? Of the 22 churches composing the Eufaula Association, 9 have Sabbath Schools. Of the 959 members composing these 9 churches, 205 attend Sabbath School, leaving 1,275 church members not engaged in this rich field of labor. [The church membership for 1883 is used.]

We regard the Sabbath School an important part of the church's work, that part in which every member can and ought to do something. Of the 13 churches that report no Sabbath School, only one has preaching more than once a month. How profitable and pleasant it would be for them to meet every Sabbath and study God's Word!

We would ask the pastors in our Association to see that every church has its Sabbath School; it is their duty to do so.

As to the condition of each Sabbath School, the reports are as follows:

BETHLEHEM.—Weekly Sabbath School; members 25; 10 of 100 church members attend Sabbath School; no accessions to church from school; not much interest in Sabbath School.

CENTRE RIDGE.—Weekly Sabbath School; 34 members; 16 of 94 church members attend Sabbath School; good interest manifested; 2 accessions to church from school.

CLAYTON.—Weekly Sabbath School; 85 members; 20 of 80 church members attend Sabbath School; tolerably good interest manifested; one accession to church from school; library of 152 volumes.

COWIKEE.—No school.

ENON.—No school.

EUFAULA.—Weekly Sabbath School; 160 members; 60 of 302 church members attend Sabbath School; good interest in school; one accession to church from school; library of 150 volumes.

EVERGREEN.—No school.

GLENNVILLE.—Weekly Sabbath School; membership 27; 13 of 37 church members attend Sabbath School; interest tolerably good; no accessions to church from school.

HURTSBORO.—Weekly Sabbath School; 50 members; 12 of 60 church members attend Sabbath School; no accessions to church from school; good interest manifested; library of 24 volumes.

HAWKINSVILLE.—No school.

MIDWAY.—Weekly Sabbath School; 97 members; 40 of 110 attend Sabbath School; five additions to church from school; good interest manifested.

MT. MORIAH.—No school.

MT. OLIVE.—No school.

MT. ZION.—No school.

NEW HOPE.—No school.

PEA CREEK.—No school.

PINE GROVE.—No school.

PLEASANT GROVE.—No school.

PLEASANT HILL.—No school.

PROSPECT.—Weekly Sabbath School; 30 members; 16 of 102 church members attend Sabbath School; two accessions to church from school; not much interest manifested.

RAMAH —Weekly Sabbath School; 50 members; 18 of 73 church members attend Sabbath School; three accessions to church from school; good interest in school; has a missionary cotton patch, which is very successful.

Fraternally submitted,

L. K. FAULK, Chairman.

26. The report of *Committee on Nominations* was adopted as follows:

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.—Z. T. Weaver.

ALTERNATE.—A. H. Borders.

MISSIONARY SERMON.—W. H. Patterson.

ALTERNATE.—W. S. Rogers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—J. E. Chambliss, W. S. Rogers. W. H. Patterson, Wm. A. Davis, Z. T. Weaver, A. H. Borders, T. H. Stout, J. D. Roquemore, W. N. Reeves, J. A. Walker, B. B. Davis.

DELEGATES TO STATE CONVENTION.—A. B. Starke, W. N. Reeves, Ira T. Jordan, Thos. Weathers, Bunyan Davie, J. A. B. Besson, J. E. Chambliss, H. L. Floyd, W. C. Jordan, W. H. Patterson, E. L. Graves, J. A. Foster, J. E. McCormick, Henry Bradley, Hiram Hawkins.

27. The *Report of Finance Committee* was read and adopted.

[See Statistical Table.]

28. The *Report of Treasurer* was read and adopted as follows:

A. B. STARKE, Treasurer;

In account with EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

DR.

Oct. 25, 1884. To amount received from Finance Committee in cash and vouchers..... $828 21

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Oct. 25, 1884. By amounts paid to following parties in cash and vouchers, to-wit:

Wm. A. Davis, Clerk, for Minutes, Postage, &c.	$ 40.00
T. M. Bailey for State Missions	325.91
Home Missions	150 00
Foreign Missions	150.00
Bible Work	15.00
Indigent Ministers	30.00
Evangelization of Colored People	15.00
Howard College	63.00
Southern Baptist Theological Seminary	38.00
American Baptist Publication Society	1.30
Total	$828.21

29. The *Report on Education*, written by J. A. B. Besson, who was absent on account of sickness, was read by W. S Rogers. After discussion by T. H. Stout, Z. T. Weaver, J. A. Foster, and T. M. Bailey, the report was referred to the Clerk for abridgment on account of its *length*. It was abridged by Clerk so as to read as follows:

So much has been written and said upon the subject which your committee are called upon to report that it will be difficult to say anything new upon so old a theme; and as statistical facts are such dry things, and so seldom remembered or even listened to, we have concluded best not to burden you with figures, and shall only indulge in such statements as may furnish you something upon which to reflect and stimulate you to a fuller sense of your duty, as regards the matter under consideration, and that we may the better appreciate the great privilege we have, and transmit to those who shall follow us the same great blessing.

It cannot be, that in this age of material advancement and mental progress and development, we need stop, even for a moment, to prove the truthfulness of the aphorism, that "Education is the handmaid of Religion;" for we have only to take a retrospective glance at the buried ages of the world's history, and witness the sad spectacle which presents itself to our view, where religion without due cultivation of mind soon degenerated into superstition, and then into idolatry and Pagan night; and also consider the ages when literature and the arts flourished, and the learned Greek and Roman reached a point where it seemed human capacity could not go beyond, and when enlightened minds and cultivated intellects ruled the world; but the people having wandered from the true and revealed Religion, and reason alone having been unduly exalted, and transgressed its proper limit, evil and only evil followed in its train. It has been said, "The Religious system of the Greeks was the embodiment of beauty, and no other worship that has ever existed so encouraged the taste for art as this," and "still controls, to a great extent, and shapes the art ideas of the world." But those grand intellectual attainments, like bright meteors, shed their dazzling radiance over our world only to sink in darkness and gloom, and cold as the sculptured marble which only perpetuated their genius, leaving our race to sigh for some bright day of hope to dawn upon them; and hence we find such men as Seneca, Epictetus and Marcus Aurelius seekers after God.

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It was not long ere new light did dawn upon the gloomy mist. The sun of righteousness appears and sheds his effulgence upon the world, and a new and blissful union is formed. And while we may not pause to trace up the gradual development, we will assert (dogmatic as it may seem) that as soon as religion and education joined hands the bright bow of promise arched the darkened skies, and gave assurance of a better day, and the mists and shadows of the centuries cleared away, and we now live in the meridian splendor of an exaltation to heaven, in point of privilege; and our temples of knowledge sit side by side by the tabernacles of the Most High all over our favored land and country.

J. A. B. Besson, Chairman.

30. The Chairman of *Committee on Obituaries* reported no deaths of ministers or officers of the Association.

31. The Moderator announced the appointment of the following *Standing Committees* to report next year, to-wit:

State Missions.—E. L. Graves, J. A. B. Besson, J. T. Watkins.
Home Missions.—J. M. Thornton, J. G. Sinquefield, J. J. S. Willis.
Foreign Missions.—W. C. Jordan, J. B. Cox, T. R. Leslie.
Education.—J. A. Foster, M. W. Hall, J. R. Vann
Indigent Ministers.—A. H. Borders, R. L. Baker, S. A. Blakey.
Sabbath Schools.—M. L. Long, T. C. Green, J. W. Armstrong.
Obituaries —A. B. Starke, V. Crawford, J. A. Cobb.
Bible and Colportage Work.—Z. T. Weaver, R. P. Adams, E. N. Stewart.
Evangelization of Colored People.—A. W. Beverly, J. B. Lightner, R. Herring.

32. The *Committee on Circular of State Mission Board* made the following report, to-wit:

We recommend that the churches endeavor to raise the sums below stated for the different objects fostered by this Association, as follows:

Bethlehem	$ 50 00
Centre Ridge	35 00
Clayton	80 00
Cowikee	50 00
Enon	30 00
Eufaula	400 00
Evergreen	15 00
Glennville	35 00
Hawkinsville	25 00
Hurtsboro	40 00
Midway	125 00
Mt. Moriah	20 00
Mt. Olive	25 00
Mt. Zion	85 00
New Hope	25 00
Pea Creek	20 00
Pine Grove	25 00
Pleasant Grove	15 00
Pleasant Hill	15 00
Prospect	25 00
Ramah	50 00
Sardis	20 00
Union	35 00
Total	$1.245 00

Fraternally Submitted, J. E. Chambliss, Chairman.

33 A *petition was presented from Judson Association* asking that this Association aid in sustaining preaching at a field of destitution near the Chattahoochee river and on a line between the two Associations. This question and the kindred one of aiding weak churches were discussed by Z. T. Weaver, T. H Stout, W. H. Patterson, T. M. Bailey, J. E. Chambliss, W. S. Rogers, A. H. Borders, and J. A. Howard, and the following resolution was adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, That, in view of the fact that a number of churches within the bounds of this Association may be unable to sustain preaching for themselves unaided we request the State Mission Board to extend, if possible, such assistance within our bounds as our Executive Committee may suggest.

The petition of Judson Association was referred to the Executive Committee.

34. It was voted to hold the *next session* with Hurtsboro Church, the Introductory Sermon to be preached on Thursday night before fourth Sabbath in October, 1885.

35. The following resolution was adopted by a unanimous rising vote, to-wit:

Resolved, That the *thanks* of the Association are due and are hereby expressed to the members of Prospect Church and residents in the neighborhood for their bounteous hospitality.

Adjourned till 7 o'clock P. M.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

36. W. S. Rogers preached from text, I Tim. 11:8.

OCTOBER 26, 1884.

SABBATH MORNING.

37. *Sabbath School Addresses* were made by N. C. Underwood, T. M. Bailey, T. H. Stout, W. S. Rogers, and Z. T. Weaver, and the report on Sabbath Schools was adopted.

38. The *Missionary Sermon* was preached by J. E. Chambliss from the text, Matt. xxvii:22.

39. A *sermon* was preached at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon by T. M. Bailey.

40. The *Association then adjourned* to meet with *Hurtsboro Baptist Church* on Thursday night before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1885. (Oct. 22, 1885.)

W. H. PATTERSON, Moderator.

WM. A. DAVIS, Clerk.

THIRD SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

OF THE

EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

MIDWAY, BULLOCK CO., ALA.,
JUNE 28, 1884.

Saturday Morning.

10:30—After the enrollment of delegates, A. B. Starke was elected Chairman and Z. T. Weaver Secretary.

The topic, "To what extent should we employ the service of song in the schools?" was discussed by I. P. Cheney, J. M. Thornton, W. S. Rogers, Taylor Cox, J. J. S. Willis, and Z. T. Weaver.

The topic, "The individual watch-care of teachers over their pupils," was discussed by E. L. Graves, B. B. Davis, A. B. Starke, Taylor Cox, W. S. Rogers, and H. R. Schramm.

Adjourned till afternoon.

Saturday Afternoon.

3:00—The condition of the schools was reported by delegates prosent from each.

The topic, "It is necessary to give every teacher and pupil some responsibility for the success of the school. How may we accomplish this end?" was discussed by Z. T. Weaver and Rev. Nunnally of Methodist Church.

The topic, "The duty of every member of the church to engage in some department of Sabbath School work," was discussed by T. H. Stout, J. J. S. Willis, J. M. Thornton, and W. S. Rogers.

Adjourned till night.

Saturday Night.

8:00—The topic, "Shodld we include denominational catechetical instruction in Sabbath Schools?" was discussed by A. B. Starke, W. S. Paullin, and W. S. Rogers.

The topic, "Let the teacher go before his class with the Bible instead of the lesson paper," was discussed by J. M. Thornton.

Adjourned till morning.

JUNE 29, 1884.

Sabbath Morning.

10:00—The Sabbath School was addressed by Z. T. Weaver and E. L. Graves.

11 00—A sermon was preached by Z. T. Weaver.

Adjourned till afternoon.

Sabbath Afternoon.

4:90—A sermon was preached by T. H. Stout.

Convention then adjourned *sine die*.

A. B. STARKE, Chairman.

Z. T. WEAVER,

STATISTICAL TABLE—EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1884.

Churches.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Postoffice.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Died.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded and Dropped.	Present Membership.	Reports Prayer Meetings.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Preaching Saturday before.	Reports Revivals.	No. in Sabbath School.	Rec. into Church from Sab. Sch.	Contributed by Sab. School.	Months Sabbath School open.	Church Property.	Church Repairs.	Pastor's Salary.	Association Purposes.	Students' Fund South. Baptist Theol. Sem.	Student Howard College.	Aged and Infirm Ministers.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible Work.	Evangelization of Color'd People.	Total.
Bethlehem	N. C. Underwood.	S. A. Sims	Clayton, Ala	....	....	...	1	7	3	88	No.	2	Yes.	Yes.	26	....	.....	8	$ 300 00	$ 50 00	$ 150 00	$ 2 00	.....	.....	.....	$ 10 00	$ 5 co	$ 5 00	.....	.....	$ 22 00
Centre Ridge	Z. T. Weaver.	J. J. S. Willis	Mt. Andrew, Ala.	6	3	...	2	8	5	88	No.	2	Yes.	Yes.	34	2	.....	12	400 00	350 00	100 00	1 00	.....	.....	$ 5 00	9 50	5 50	.....	$ 2 00	$ 2 00	25 00
Clayton	T. H. Stout.	L. K. Faulk	Clayton, Ala.	4	4	.....	....	1	1	80	Yes.	2—4	No.	Yes.	93	1	$ 7 26	12	800 00	60 00	350 00	2 00	.....	.....	5 00	15 00	4 00	17 50	2 65	1 35	51 25
Cowikee	W. H Patterson.	R. F. Wilkins	Batesville, Ala.	....	...	3	1	4	....	34	No.	3	Yes.	No.	....	....	.....	....	400 00	.....	150 00	1 00	.....	.....	3 00	33 00	.....	.....	2 00	2 co	41 00
Enon	W. S. Rogers	John Milner	Midway, Ala.	....	1	.....	....	.....	....	28	No.	2	Yes.	No.	....	....	.....	....	300 00	.....	150 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	11 75	4 00	.....	1 00	1 00	20 75
Eufaula	J. E. Chambliss	Wm. A. Davis	Eufaula, Ala.	2	6	2	4	12	2	294	Yes.	Ev'ry	No.	No.	185	1	.....	12	40,000 00	.....	1,500 00	.....	$33 00	$48 00	.....	64 00	67 90	113 85	.....	.....	326 75
Evergreen*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Glennville	I. P. Cheney	E. C. Perry	Glennville, Ala.	....	1	....	1	3	....	34	No.	4	No.	Yes.	27	...	.....	8	1,000 00	.....	75 00	2 00	.....	.....	3 00	8 00	5 00	.....	1 00	1 00	20 00
Hawkinsville	.....	H. Hawkins	Hawkinsville, Ala	....	....	....	2	1	....	11	No.	1	No.	No.	...	...	.....	...	200 00	.....	100 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	13 50
Hurtsboro	J. A. Howard	M. L. Long	Hurtsboro, Ala.	...	.	...	...	.....	1	60	No.	4	No.	No.	43	....	.....	8	1200 00	.....	225 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	10 00	5 00	.....	1 00	1 00	20 00
Midway	W. S. Rogers	M. W. Hall	Midway, Ala.	5	4	....	....	5	2	112	Yes.	1—3	3rd.	Yes.	97	5	5 00	12	2,000 00	.....	400 00	10 25	.....	.....	4 00	84 56	14 19	.....	3 00	3 00	119 00
Mt. Moriah*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Olive	Z. T. Weaver	Jas. B. Hooten	Batesville, Ala.	6	1	....	1	8	...	36	No.	4	.....	Yes.	....	....	.....	.	325 00	.....	80 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	6 00	4 00	.....	1 00	1 00	15 00
Mt. Zion	J. O. Hixson	R. L. Baker	Three Notch, Ala.	....	1	....	1	1	..	62	No.	2—4	No.	No.	....	....	.....	....	1,000 00	.....	300 00	1 50	5 00	5 00	.....	50 00	11 55	11 95	.....	.....	85 00
New Hope	A. H. Borders	Chalmers Gachet	Midway, Ala.	....	...	.....	....	8	....	26	No.	2	Yes.	No.	....	...	.....	....	100 00	.....	75 00	1 00	.....	.....	25	15 90	4 00	.....	50	50	22 15
Pea Creek	B. C. Bennett	J. A. Miles	Louisville, Ala.	3	1	1	....	5	2	37	Yes.	3	Yes.	Yes.	....	...	.....	....	100 00	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	1 00	2 00	1 00	.....	50	50	6 50
Pine Grove	Z. T. Weaver.	Geo. Boyer	Eufaula, Ala.	4	...	...	....	2	....	34	No.	1	Yes.	Yes.	....	...	.....	....	150 00	.....	100 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 25	21 45	.....	.....	65	65	26 00
Pleasant Grove	A. H. Borders	J. H. Spires	Clayton, Ala.	1	2	1	1	....	2	75	No.	1	Yes.	Yes.	....	...	.....	....	50 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	5 50
Pleasant Hill*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	5	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	500 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	5 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 25
Prospect	R. B. Arnold	J. W. Sims	Clayton, Ala.	5	1	1	....	....	3	106	Yes.	4	Yes.	Yes.	35	2	.....	9	500 00	.....	100 00	3 25	.....	10 00	.....	5 00	1 00	5 00	.....	.....	24 25
Ramah	A. H. Borders	W. P. Gary	Harris, Ala.	3	3	....	....	6	11	66	No.	4	Yes.	Yes.	58	3	4 00	12	1,000 00	.....	125 00	2 00	.....	.....	1 50	28 50	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	34 00
Sardis	W. H. Adams	J. W. Armstrong	Pea River, Ala.	....	....	.....	....	.....	....	17	.....	4	Yes.	.....	....	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Union	A. H. Borders	J. T. Watkins	Clayton, Ala.	17	8	2	....	3	2	83	Yes.	3	No.	Yes.	....	....	.....	....	400 00	100 00	85 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 00
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* No Letter. Membership taken from last report.

EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—HISTORICAL.

Session.	Year.	CHURCH.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	Membership.	Contributions.
1	1854	Eufaula	Jno. Gill Shorter	P. M. Callaway.	*	*
2	1855	Clayton	Joel Sims	D. McKenzie	1399	$ 316 20
3	1856	Mt. Zion, Macon Co	W. W. Battle	P. M. Callaway.	1493	402 50
4	1857	Pleasant Hill	" "	" "	1585	732 00
5	1858	Cowikee	" "	H. J. Irby	1953	1244 85
6	1859	Midway	" "	J. S. Paullin	1866	1091 88
7	1860	Glennville	" "	" "	1976	1057 35
8	1861	Bethlehem	" "	" "	2009	993 65
9	1862	Ramah	" "	" "	2051	866 70
10	1863	Centre Ridge	P. M. Callaway.	" "	2210	1333 55
11	1864	Eufaula	W. W. Battle	" "	2397	9764 95
12	1865	Clayton	" "	" "	2419	349 60
13	1866	Mt. Zion, Macon Co	" "	" "	2334	586 83
14	1867	Mt. Pleasant	" "	" "	2189	720 76
15	1868	Cowikee	" "	" "	1714	1635 00
16	1869	Midway	" "	" "	1523	772 00
17	1870	Pleasant Hill	" "	" "	1287	682 95
18	1871	Bethlehem	" "	" "	1235	565 70
19	1872	Ramah	" "	" "	1519	584 90
20	1873	Midway	" "	" "	*	*
21	1874	Eufaula	" "	" "	*	*
22	1875	Mt. Zion, Bullock Co	" "	" "	*	*
23	1876	Enon	" "	" "	1405	465 03
24	1877	Pine Grove	W. H. Patterson	" "	1384	784 92
25	1878	Clayton	" "	" "	1403	922 10
26	1879	Pleasant Hill	" "	" "	1363	949 40
27	1880	Midway	" "	" "	1350	1107 10
28	1881	Bethlehem	" "	" "	1381	1113 40
29	1882	Cowikee	" "	Wm. A. Davis	1412	1385 90
30	1883	Eufaula	" "	" "	1480	1037 45
31	1884	Prospect	" "	" "		

* Not reported.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Fourth Sunday School Convention of the Eufaula Baptist Association will be held at a time and place to be appointed by the Executive Committee. The programme will be issued in ample time.